UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Washington, D.C.

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In the Matter of:	*	
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DANA C. BEAUCHAMP	*	DOCKET NO. 06-3346-DB
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Respondent.	*	
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DEBARRING OFFICIAL'S DETERMINATION

By Notice dated March 10, 2006, ("Notice") Dana C. Beauchamp ("Respondent") was notified of her proposed three-year debarment by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"). Respondent appealed in writing on April 5, 2006. There was no informal hearing in this matter, since Respondent did not agree to participate in one. I have decided, pursuant to 24 C.F.R. Part 24, to debar Respondent from future participation in procurement and non-procurement transactions, as a participant, principal, or contractor with HUD and throughout the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, for a period of three years. Respondent's debarment shall remain in effect for a three-year period commencing upon the issuance of this determination.

My decision is based on the administrative record in this matter that includes the following information:

- (1) The Notice, dated March 10, 2006,
- (2) The appeal to the proposed debarment, filed by Respondent on April 5, 2006,
- (3) The Government's Brief and Exhibits In Support Of A Three Year Debarment, dated August 1, 2006,
- (4) Motion To Suspend Debarment filed by Respondent on August 6, 2006,
- (5) Letter of Respondent received August 15, 2006, asking about grounds for her debarment, and
- (6) Government Motion For Ruling On Written Submissions.

The proposed three-year debarment is based upon Government allegations that Respondent, a FHA loan processor, was convicted in Federal District Court for Louisiana Middle District for participating in submitting false documents to HUD regarding tax forms, W-2 forms, and pay stubs for prospective home purchasers in five FHA loan transactions. Respondent claims that her conviction is on appeal and that the debarment matter should be continued until the appeal of her conviction is decided.

Findings of Fact

- 1. Respondent was a loan processor for an FHA approved mortgagee and therefore falls under the HUD regulatory definition of a program participant.
- 2. Respondent participated in making false W-2 forms, tax forms, and pay stubs submissions for prospective home purchasers in five FHA transactions.
- 3. Respondent pled guilty in Federal District Court for Louisiana Middle District to committing fraud in the FHA program and was sentenced to thirty months in prison and to make reimbursement of \$88,064.76.
- 4. Respondent seeks delay of a debarment determination until the appeal of her conviction is decided.
- 5. Respondent did not reply to Government's August 17, 2006, motion in which it requested this matter be decided on the written record based upon the oral representation of Respondent's counsel at that time, that Respondent did not want to participate in an informal hearing.

Conclusions

In view of the above findings of fact, I have made the following conclusions:

- 1. Respondent was authorized to participate in the HUD FHA program as a mortgage company loan processor as defined in 24 C.F.R. § 24.105, 24 C.F.R. §24.980, 24 C.F.R. §24.990 and 24 C.F.R. §24.995.
- 2. Respondent's participation in the submission of false statements about prospective home purchasers to HUD in five loan transactions impugns her honesty and integrity. I conclude that Respondent's actions were of so serious and compelling a nature that they constitute a basis for her debarment under 24 C.F.R. § 24.800 (a) and 24 C.F.R. § 850(b).
- 3. It is insufficient for Respondent to claim that HUD should wait to debar her based upon her criminal conviction until an appeal is decided in the matter. Respondent can seek reinstatement to participate in Federal programs if she prevails on the appeal to which she refers.

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, conclusions, and the administrative record, I have determined to debar Respondent for a three-year period commencing on the date of issuance of this determination.

10.18.06

Date

Margarita Maisonet
Debarring Official

Departmental Enforcement Center